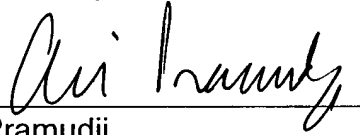


### REMARKS

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to examining the application. Claim 19 has been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to subsequently take up prosecution of the claims as originally filed in this application in a continuation, a continuation-in-part and/or a divisional application. The remaining claims have been amended to conform to US practice. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments presented herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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